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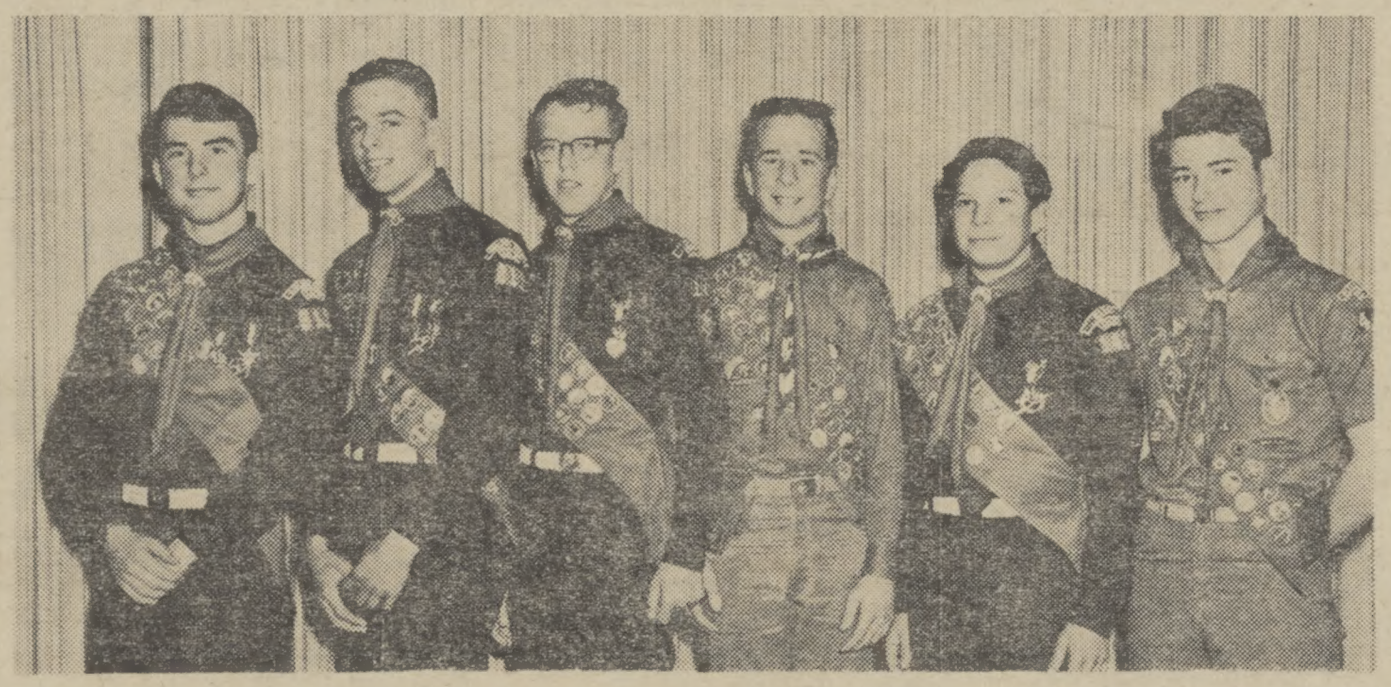
Walnut Creek Stake Gets Six New Eagle Scouts



Walnut Creek Stake's six new Eagle Scouts: l. to r.) Norman Spencer, Russell Krey, Larry Ballard, Mark Echols, Dave Potter, and Ronald Eames.

By Walter S. Scott

Six Eagle Scout awards were received by Walnut Creek Stake boys at the 12th semi-annual Stake Court of Honor held at Walnut Creek chapel December 28. Four boys became Life Scouts, ten Star Scouts, 15 first class and 16 second class Scouts. Boys from six Scout troops and two Explorer posts received the honors. Forty-two boys won a total of 162 merit badges. Attendance and advancement trophies were won by El Sobrante-Rodeo Wards' Troop 140. Walnut Creek Ward missed by a narrow margin of parents who had to leave early for other commitments.

The new Eagle awards went to Ronald Eames, Troop 440, Pleasant Hill; Mark Echols, Dave Potter, and Larry Ballard, Troop 140, El Sobrante-Rodeo; Norman Spencer and Russell Krey, Post 311, Walnut Creek.

The awards were presented by President Mark Bickley of the Walnut Creek Stake Presidency. Members of the Stake Eagles Nest presented the new Eagles a special neckerchief and conducted a rededication to the Scout Oath Ceremony. Members of the Eagles Nest are: Bill Cottle, Norman Rounds, Glenn Spencer, Milton Clark of Post 311, Mike Wheable of Post 240 and Emron Yancey of Troop 140.

The Court of Honor was con ducted by Jack Smith, MIA age group superintendent, and arrangements were by Wallie Scott, Stake Scout and Explorer Leader.

PBO Speaker For Oakland-Berkeley Stake Conference

Bishop Victor L. Brown, 2d counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, was scheduled to preside at a quarterly conference of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, in Oakland.

Accompanying Bishop Brown were Mrs. Lila B. Walch, representing the Relief Society General Board, and Mrs. Helen Beth Henrichsen of the Primary Association General Board.

General sessions of the conference were to be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 4780 Lincoln Avenue. They were to be conducted by Stake President O. Leslie Stone. 44 Bellevue Avenue. Piedmont.

Bishop Brown, a native of Gardston, Alberta, Canada, was an executive of United Air Lines at the time of his appointment to the Presiding Bishopric in 1961. He is experienced in youth, Church, and business leadership.

Mrs. Walch served on the general board of the Church's youth auxiliary before her present appointment. She has also served in numerous auxiliary positions on ward and stake levels and has been active in PTA and, school affairs.

Mrs. Henrichsen formerly served as an officer and teacher in other auxiliaries of the Church. She is a University of Utah graduate, and served for two years as a missionary in the Eastern States Mission.

Mrs. Walch and Mrs. Henrichsen were to address special meetings for Relief Society and Primary leaders on Saturday.

Welfare Not Only For Needy, Stake Conference Told

Our church Welfare Program is for rich and poor alike, Elder Alfred B. Smith of the Priesthood General Welfare Committee told the Walnut Creek Stake Conference January 19 at the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.

The needy may obtain help, pay for it by means within their abilities, and can be restored to self-support while the economically more well-to-do earn the blessings service and helping the less fortunate, he said. He urged that individuals and families keep themselves strong to meet possible crises.

"We cannot spend ourselves rich!" he warned, and admonished his hearers to "understand the Welfare Program and live it."

President Mark R. Bickley, 2d counselor in the stake presidency, remarked a reduction in the welfare budget for 1964, the first such reduction, and expressed the hope that the tend continues "as we become more self-sufficient and less dependent on the Church Welfare Program." He suggested "preventive welfare" to meet increasing challenges of the changing times.

He cited the anachronism of unemployment in the face of a shortage of skilled workers, caused by lack of training, and contrasted the Church emphasis on the family with the alarming trend in the opposite direction noted outside the Church.

"Complete living of all the principles of the Gospel will assure successful family living," he said.

High Councilman Owen Collett warned against going into debt through over-spending and cited instances of charges that have amounted to as much as 1200 per cent a year against borrowers.

Elder Everett Bingham of the of the Priesthood General Genealogical Committee urged that every individual begin at once to keep a diary and write his life story for the permanent records of the Church. "The only things we can take with us are the things we give away," he said.

President J. R. Hilton, 1st counselor in the take presidency, after citing the $12,000 "cost" to a young man of his two-year mission, declared "you can't equate a mission with cash. e urged action by every member in genealogical work and study, preparation and filing of family group sheets, and Temple activities including more endowments and a higher proportion of Temple marriages. Pointing to increase in problems caused by tobacco and alcohol despite recent publicizing of the hazards, he recommended legislation to control the advertising of these products.

Stake President Kenneth D. Jensen, reviewing 1963, said "It was a good year, but challenges remain." Only one-third of the 4005 members of the Stake were present, he reported, but also commented hopefully that some wards are nearing 50 per cent attendance at Sacrament meetings.

Delbert F. Wright Is Named Oakland Temple President

Delbert F. Wright, former stake president at both Oakland and St. Louis, will be President of the new Oakland Temple, it is announced by President O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake and the Oakland Temple District.

President Wright, recently "retired" from business, is a resident of Danville Ward, Walnut Creek Stake, and a member of the General Priesthood Home Teaching Committee.

Rapid Growth Of Church Reported

It took 91 years for the Church to reach the first 100 stakes.

31 years more to reach 200 stakes.

8 years more to reach 300

3½ years more to reach 400—some time in 1964!

This startling acceleration in growth was reported to the recent Walnut Creek Stake Conference by Elder Everett Bingham of the Priesthood General genealogical Committee.

There are now a half billion genealogical sheets in the Church archives, he said, pleading "We must speed up genealogical work to keep pace with the growth of the Church in other directions. "Every member a missionary among our kindred dead, as well as among te living. This is the work of God."

Last month we were full of "house ads" to fill space.

This month there isn't space enough. Happily, we have several columns of "overset". Unfortunately, some of it isn't news next month and goes in the "h--- box". Some of it is "time copy," which includes some features we know are popular, e.g., Mission History, Sam Taylor.

You—readers, especially reporters—please bear with us. Like the piano player in the White House, we are doing the best we can.

Sixteen Master M-Men At Hayward Stake Meeting

By Don L. Van Noy

Hayward Stake Master M-Men held their first meeting just after the morning session of the recent stake conference. Sixteen charter members signed the roll. The meeting was held to organize, elect officers and establish goals.

Wally Seavers was elected president; Bill Atkins vice - president and Frank Heiss, secreatary - treasurer. All three are from Irvington Ward.

According to Jake Hamblin, superintendent, of the stake MIA, all Master M-Men present pledged themselves to encourage at least one young man or group of young men to a attain this honor. The big brother program will start on a personal basis immediately.

Brother Seavers says that it won't be long before a social will be held with the Golden cleaners. Already a Master M-Men quartet has been requested to sing at stake functions. All Master M-Men not present at the meeting are urged to notify Brother Heiss so their names may be added to the roster. Charter members are: Walt Adamson. Don Van Noy, Jake Hamblin, Ray Williams, Wally Seavers. L. A. Vincent, Howard Thomas, M. Harris, Alma Jensen, Frank Heiss; Joe Supinger, Gary Jensen, Ronald Rollins, Ross Westover. Bill Atkins, and Blaine Wilson.

'Mountain' Goes To 'Mahomet's' Bedside

Members of the Walnut Creek Ward's group of the stake seventies quorum reversed the old saying about Mahomet and the mountain January 12 by holding their Priesthood meeting at the home of their beloved member Edward A. Pyle.

Injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, Ed still had one arm and one leg in casts and had chafed at missing so many Sunday meetings. Having the cast removed from the other leg still kept him pretty well tied to his bed.

So the brethren responded as brothers should.

No. Cal. Mission Wins First Place

Northern California Mission was first in the Church in convert baptisms for December with 497, according to word received by Mission President W. Howard Allen.

For the entire year of 1963 it many as the entire Church record-was second with 6593, about as-ed not many years ago.

Genealogical Research Library

By Mary B. Russell

We have several requests for information. If you can be of any assistance, please offer it.

Jacob Woodson married Elizabeth Morton, in Prince Edward Co. Va. Their daughter Elizabeth Woodson married Henry Lewis in 1806. Any further data on this family will be appreciated.—Virginia Cooper 2819 Octavia St. Oakland.

Information needed on the parents of Charles Merckling, born 25 June 1836 in Indiana. Died 30 Sept. 1888 in Missouri. The father of Charles was George Merckling and his mother was born about 1800 in Switzerland. The latter died 1840 in New York.

Almira McClure, wife of Charles Merckling was born 10 Sept 1839 in Ashtabula. Ohio, died 13 Oct. 1880 in Michigan. Her father, John McClure born 1812 in Belfast, Ireland. More on Almira's parentage needed.

More information needed on James Sheridan born about 1779 and his wife Mary Sheridan born about 1783. Two children, Andrew born 22 Jan. 1805 and Joshua born about 1807, were born in Jackson Co. Ohio.

Delia Starling, born 12 March 1808, possibly in New York, died 27 May 1829 in N.Y. She was wife of Jacob Keck born 26 Jan. 1805. Would like more information on Delia.—These four items from Grace D. Hopkins, 714 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.

The classes each Wednesday 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. have been enjoyed by several patrons the last two weeks. The use and explain method of various volumes is making research easier and will in time produce results. These classes will continue for a few months.

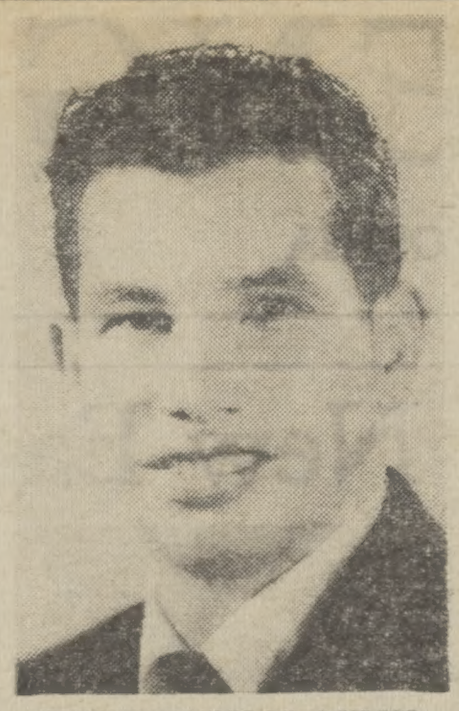
Oak Grove Ward "Comes Home" To Walnut Creek

Oak Grove Ward of Concord Stake, a substantal portion of whose members were the last group "split off" from Walnut Creek Ward and Stake before the stake division last fall, has "come home" to the Walnut Creek ward chapel because of crowded conditions in the Concord ward chapel, it's former meeting place.

Priesthood meets at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 11:30 (9 a.m. on Fast Sunday), Sacrament meeting at 6:30 p.m. (1 p.m. on Fast Sunday), Primary at 4:30 Tuesdays, Relief Society at 10 a.m. Wednesday (work meeting the 2d Thursday at 7:30 p.m.).

Walnut Crek Ward, "mother" of not only part of Oak Grove, but also of Danville. Lafayette-Orinda, and Pleasant Hill now two wards), welcomed the "homecoming." All the other offspring now meet in their own chapels. Oak Grove Ward's chapel is a-building.

Walnut Creek Ward's meeting schedule now reads: Priesthood 8:30, Sunday School 10 a.m. (11:30 on Fast Sunday), Sacrament meeting 4:30 (10 a.m. on Fast Sunday), Primary 4:30 Wednesdays, Relief Society Tuesdays, Mutual 7:30 Tuesday evenings (special adult Genealogy class concurrently).



ELDER DOUGLAS AARON

Sunset Ward

Two Leaving For Missoions

By Jean Lauper

Sunset Ward is sending two of its finest young men on Missions in February. A farewell was held for Douglas Sidney Aaron, son of George and Oreti Aaaron, Sunday January 26. He has been called to the Southwest Indian Mission with headquarters in Holbrook, Arizona. Doug will spend much of his time on the reservations of such Indian tribes as the Navajo, Apache, Hopi and Piute Indians. This mission is one of the oldest in the church, established nearly 100 years ago.

David Robinson Thomas, son of Bishop and Alice Giles, has been called to the Belgian-Franco Mission. His farewell will be held Feb. 9. He and Doug will enter the Mission Home together Feb. 17. David's brother Peter Butler Giles is now in the Berlin mission and sends interesting reports of his work there. His farewell was held in Sunset Ward last October 20.

Sister Ann Barton has gone to Salt Lake City to spend next six months with her sister. She will be missed in Sunset Ward during her absence. This will be the first time in 13 years that she will not be supervising the stake welfare project of making men's and boys' pants.

Each spring, under Sister Barton's guidance, the women of the stake have gathered at the welfare center and devoted many hundreds of hours to this project, in 1963, 4500 hours. Figures before 1956 are not available, but the number of pairs made since add up to 10,330. The number of women who worked on them has grown from 175 in 195 to 350 in 1963.

Sister Barton, in speaking of her work, gave great credit to two men of Sunset Ward. Charles Friel was in charge of the exacting responsibility of cutting the garments and Frederick Jackson kept the big power machines in perfect running condition.

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My Testimony

"..And Ye Visited Me.."

By Mable B. Liddell

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me." Mathew 25: 34-36

It seems evident from these words of the Savior that many of the works whereby we shall be judged, are performed while visiting others—many of them strangers. Visits in some capacity could well be the most basic assignment of our earth life. Let's look in on a faithful Ward Teachers record to see the Gospel in action!

John was a humble, faithful elder who lived the commandments daily. He was given a list of 16 families for his ward teaching assignment. All were totally inactive, 14 of them had never permitted ward teachers in their homes.

He requested one of these men, an adult Aaronic Priesthood member, to be his companion. Before they set out on their first visit, they studied over the message so it could be given in an easy conversational manner, then John asked his new companion if he would like to offer a prayer. The man was absolutely mortified; he didn't even know how to pray. John then offered a simple prayer requesting the Lord's guidance on theirvisits that evening.

They went forth with a real desire to be friends with their families and the Lord helped them achieve astonishing success. By the fourth month, John's new companion was able to pray and take his turn in giving the lesson. Their love for each other grew and so did their love for their families. John made separate visits to see any who were ill or on special family occasions. It wasn't long before some began to attend church and they often called him to administer to their sick, sometimes in the middle of the night. A few went out of their way to stop by his place of business to see him. One young lady, when planning her wedding, even asked if it might be possible for John to perform the ceremony.

One of the most cherished experiences of his assignment was in assisting a family through a grave emotional crisis that could have resulted in tragedy. A young mother on his route, asked for his help one night when she was greatly troubled. He suggested that his Bishop accompany him for he sensed the urgency of her need.

When they arrived, she painfully confessed that her beloved litle daughter was not her husband's child. In a moment of weakness she had proved unfaithful while her husband was away from home on an extended business engagement. She was broken-hearted for she loved her husband. She was throughly repentant—tortured by giult, and desperately needed help in knowing how to proceed.

John and the Bishop then talked privately with her mate, explaining the situation. He surprised them by saying that he had known of this for some time. Without his wife's knowledge he had learned of his own sterility. He said he dearly loved the little girl and as far as he was concerned she would always be his daughter.

The three men then returned to the waiting mother. The four of them sat together while the spirit of the Lord in tender compassion, healed two deeply wounded hearts. "Never have I seen such a beautiful example of true repentance and whole-hearted forgiveness," John said. The husband was overwhelmingly understanding of his wife's temporary weakness. He asked that the incident never again be mentioned. He did not wish to know the name of the other man and he suggested that if his wife ever wished to inform her daughter, that would be between the two of them, alone.

John returned home feeling that any seeming sacrifice he had ever made was paid by this one blessed experience. This little family grew closer in an understanding love and became active in the ward along with every one of John's 16 families. He later saw his companion take his wife to the Temple just before a son's departure for a mission.

It took three years of hard work and determined effort to accomplish this marvelous result. During this time, not one of the 16 families was ever missed, not even for a month.

Victor Lindblad On Scout Program

Along with other wards in the Bay Area, the Oakland 4th Ward in Oakland-Berkeley Stake, is planning a special program Sunday, February 9, as a part of Scout Anniversary Week. The founding of the Boy Scouts is observed each February throughout the nation.

Speaker of the evening will be Victor Lindblad who recently retired as chief executive for the Mt. Diablo Council. Now living in Salt Lake City, he is well-known throughout the nation as a boy-leader.

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will participate in the special program which will include a court of honor. The program is arranged for the evening of Fast Sunday by Unit Chairman Omer Allman, assisted by Explorer Leader Dale Lincoln, Scoutmaster Ben Babcock, Sr., and Cubmaster Al Richards.

Novices To Star In March Recital

By Frances S. Beniams

Three young artists will share the March 1 program of the Interstake Concert series under the style of "The Interstake Fore-Runner Recital."

The concert is scheduled for 4 p.m. at the Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. The young artists are:

Carl Eagle, student of Dr. Alexander Post of San Francisco State College, who will play works of Buxtehude, Bach and Franck.

Lynn Upham, student of Kenneth Mansfield (newly appointed organist-choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, San Francisco), who will play works by Langlais, Mozart, Brahms, and Peeters; and

Eugene Clarke, student of Ludwig Altman (organist for the San Francisco Symphony, Temple Emanu-El, and California Palace of the Legion of Honor), in works by Bach and Dupre.

All three are reported to be outstanding young organists and probable future stellar performers of great promise.

Dr. Allphin Sets Foothill Offices

Richard A. Allphin, O. D., has moved his offices to 5836 Foothill Boulevard. His optometrist office will be next door to Allphin Jewelers in the Seminary district.

A member of Oakland 2d Ward bishopric, Dick moved to Oakland to set up his practice four years ago. He was raised in Oakland, then completed his graduate and post-graduate training in optometry in Utah.

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Deacons Are 'Old Pros' In Show Biz

YOUNG SHOWMEN and an advisor plan a special variety show at Oakland 4th Ward 7:00 p.m. February 29. These Deacons and their advisor, seeking to help the ward raise funds and at the same time gain some experience in arranging and producing variety shows, will work with their advisor, Jim Revel (front row, center) to present California Varieties at the ward cultural hall, 4705 Virginia Street, Oakland. They are: (back row) Cecil Gene and Ben Babcock, Jr., deacons' president; front row, Fred Royce, Advisor Jim Revel and Steve Swann.

Deacons of Oakland 4th Ward may be some of the youngest showmen in the Bay Area. They are planning a spaghetti dinner and a presentation of the California Varieties at 7 p.m. February 29 in the ward cultural hall at 4705 Virginia Street, Oakland. All over 12 years of age are invited to contribute $1.00 and those under 12, 50c.

The California Varieties group is well-known in the Bay Area.

In hopes of helping to raise funds, and also for the experience they will gain in staging a presentation such as this, the deacons are working with their advisor James Revel. Heading the quorum is Ben Babcock Jr., assisted by Steve Madsen, Steve Swann, Fred Royce, Cecil Gene, Robert Sumsion and Jay Turner.

Dr. M. H. Merrill Is Reappointed Health Director

Malcolm H. Merrill, M. D., member of Berkeley 2d Ward, has been appointed to another four year term as director of the Department of Public Health for the State of California. The appointment was announced by Governor Edmund G. Brown in January.

In praising the State program, Governor Brown said, "Dr. Merrill has been largely responsible for this and other important achievments by the department and has richly merited reappointment."

Dr. Merrill first became director in 1954. He joined the department in 1937 after he finished his medical residency at the University of California.

A native of Richmond, Utah, he received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Utah State Agricultural College, his master of science degree in bacteriology and medical doctor degree from St. Louis University, and his master of Public Health degree from the Universty of California.

He has held numerous teaching and research appointments. In 1959-60, he was president of the American Public Health Association. He is a member of numerous professional research and medical honor organizations.

He and his wife, the forer Serlma Holdaway, have three children. The family home is on Cragmont Avenue in Berkeley. He holds the Melchizedek Priesthood in the Church.

Liahona Camp Dates Announced

At a November meeting of camp personnel and Y.L.M.I.A. presidents held at the home of Brother and Sister A. D. Ericksen the following camp dates were agreed upon and assigned:

June 26 to July 3—San Francisco
July 3 to July 10— Concord
July 10 to July 17—Berkeley - Oakland
July 17 to July 25—San Leandro
July 25 to August 1—Walnut Creek
August 1 to August 8—Palo Alto
August 8 to August 15—San Mateo
August 15 to August 22 — San Joaquin

Dennis Lauper To Join Family In Furniture Store

Dennis L. Lauper has announced his affiliation with the Lauper furniture store in San Leandro. He will be associated with his brothe Marc.

Dennis, who has been member of the Americon Independent Insurance Agency, 3664 Grand Avenue, has announced to his clients that the American Independent Insurance Company will continue to serve them. Walter E. Naumann has had 24 years experience as an insurance broker; J. Oren Yorgason has spent 30 years in the insurance business, and Alan A. Pfitzer has 20 years insurance experience including managership a of prominent insurance company, Dennis announced. He also informed his clients that he will continue to share in company profits so would appreciate their continuing business with American Independent.

Dennis, a former Bishop of Dimond ward, is a member of the Oakland - Berkeley Stake High Council, and now a resident of Oakland 4th Ward.

The Lauper Furniture store, located at 1031 MacArthur Boulevard, San Leandro, is always advertised on the back page of The Messenger of Northern California.

Duty To God Award To Merrill Gray

Merrill Gray, 16, son of Orville and Bernice Gray, was the first member of the recently - created Pleasant Hill Ward to receive the Duty to God Award. He was presented this honor by Rex Spendlove, 2d counselor in the bishopric, at Sacrament Meeting December 29.

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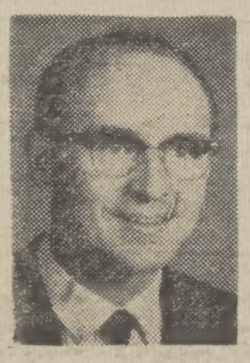

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Home Stability, And Harmony, Concord Theme

By Ira Markham

More stability, more harmony and happiness in the home was the theme of the Concord Stake quarterly conference held January 5.

Visitors at the conference included Elder Alfred W. Uhrhaird of the General Welfare Committee and Henry E. Christiansen of the Priesthood Genealogical Committee. The need for genealogical research was stressed that we might be ready for the Temple when the New Oakland Temple is ready for us.

President Ted E. Madsen opened the conference with a challenge to the members of the stake to put and keep their homes in order. He called attention to the fact that if termites were undermining the foundation of the house, the occupants would lose no time and spare no expense to have the weakened materials removed and strengthen the foundation.

There are destructive termites in homes as well as in houses, such as backbiting, evil-speaking, fault-finding, and every other destructive influence that tends to undermine the harmony and unity of the home. There is need for improving spiritual value in the home to strengthen family ties and to improve family compatibility, he said.

Some of the spiritual value required to turn a house into a model Latter-day Saint home include: every male member of appropriate age to hold and honor the priesthood. This includes holding of family prayers every day, and honoring the Sabbath day to keep it holy by attending church services together as a family. It requires parents setting a good example of Christian living to their children. Each boy should be taught to look forward to fulfilling an honorable mission.

Children should be taught early the benefits of a Temple marriage and to look forward to entering the House of the Lord to be able to receive all the benefits from such experience.

Parents should build a firm foundation for the home through love and kindness. However, parents should be firm when setting up controls and rules of conduct.

Children should respect their parents and do all that is possible to advance their own spiritual interests by learing to serve the Lord while they are young. They should learn to strengthen character through establishing and maintaining high moral standards.

Family solidarity can be improved through working together, playing together, and worshipping together, President Madson said.

Claremont Ward

Elders And Wives In Bowling Party

By Betty Moss

The fourth Quorum of Elders held a successful bowling party February 18. A goodly crowd of elders and their wives enjoyed a few rounds of bowling and then went to the Moss home where Larry Holt, chairman of the party, prepared and served his own special homemade pizza. Both food and talk were thoroughly enjoyed.

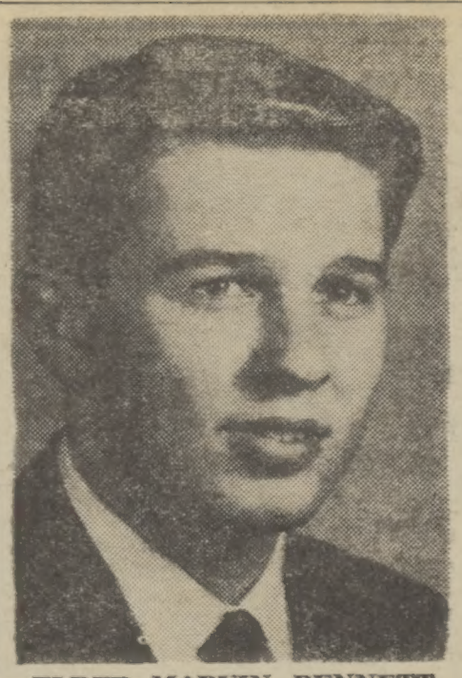
Earl Smith was the recipient of a $100 award given by the accounting firm of Haskins and Sells for his outstanding work as a graduate accounting student.

Peggy and Gary Lambert have left us to move to Santa Barbara where Gary will continue school at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He will work toward a masters degree in French literature.

We were saddened to learn of the death last month of Charles Mills, long a member of our ward.

Dr. Kuschel, husband of Pearl Kuschel also died last month. The funeral was held at the Grant Miller Mortuary. Friends and relatives were in attendance, and Earl Smith spoke during the service.

We are happy to hear that William Slaughter and Lubritz Strong have accepted the calling of a stake mission.



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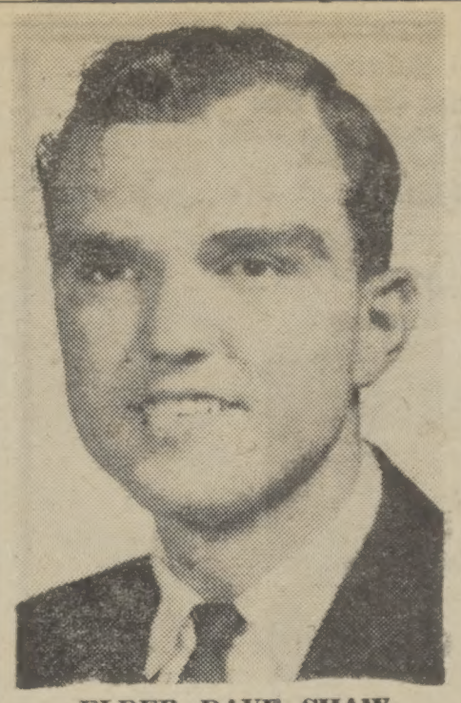

ELDER DAVE SHAW

Oakland 3d Ward

Missionaries Theme Of January Program

By Mary D. Westover

If last month was given over to Christmas parties, this one has been centered around Missionary activities. Dave Shaw's farewell came first on December 29. Since he was going to New Zealand, the Bay Area Polynesian Choir sang, as well as our own Dale Bennett. Rufus Phelps and Verl Bennett gave the talks. More than 350 were there to wish him well.

While the Stephen Winters, who served a South British mission, have been released for some time, their trip around the world delayed their homecoming, and we got their report January 12. We reminded again that when the older couples go out together they fill a need which even the zeal of the boys and girls cannot meet. Because of their long experience and their personal examples of what a life dedicated to service can mean, their stories may be different—but they show the importance of missionaries of all ages and types of service.

Marvin Bennett, who has been called to the New England States mission had his farewell January 19. Again Dale sang and his parents and Elmo Smith gave talks. Marvin grew up in this ward and has taken an active part in our Church work since he was in Primary. We shall miss him, but we wish him well and know that he will do a good job wherever he goes.

Emma Matheson tells us that Wes will soon be released from the Uraguayan mission, and will be giving his report before long. We are getting encouraging reports from all our boys and girls who are serving literally around the world now. David Hoopes has been made assistant to President Tuttle in the South American Mission.

Your reporter wants to especially thank those who were so kind to her during her recent illness and hospitalization. That's one of the nicest things about being a Mormon. When the going gets tough there is always someone there to help and sustain you—and when you are otherwise alone this makes you feel all warm and secure.

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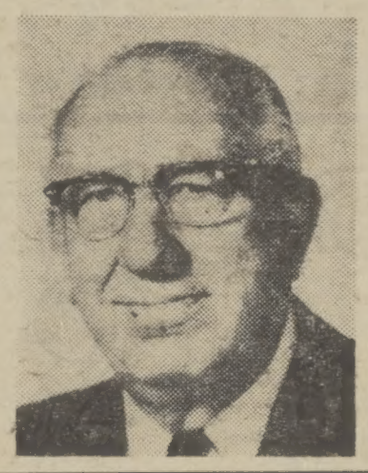
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Berkeley 2d Ward

Boy Scouts Take Annual Ski Trip

by Marilla Bodily

Saturday, January 18 was the date for the Scout's annual ski trip. Most of Troop 38 and many from Post 88 and the Guide Patrol with fathers skiied at Camp Bray. Many of the group went up Friday evening. Dave Hulme. Scoutmaster, spearheaded the arrangements for the large group.

The Liahoma Girls had their Daddy-Daughter Party on January 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ward Cultural Hall under the leadership of their Primary Partner, Pat Terry, and their Teachers. Jackie Pack, Barbara Hulme, and Peggy Flamm. Brother and Sister Mark Bates directed the dancing.

The Primary Association is happy to have Mona Jo Ellsworth teaching the Co-Pilot Group. She replaces Sharon Layton who is expecting her child soon. We graduated four of our boys in the last few months on their turning twelve and being eligible for the Priesthood and Mutual. They are: Ted Meyers, Kevin Flamm, Barry Clyde and Stephen Ricks.

Berkeley 2d Ward expresses sincere sympathy to Henry Malstrom and his daughter, Diana, upon the death of Sister Anna Malstrom. Diana has been serving a Stake Mission and with the seriousness of her mother's illness was temporarily released. The ward members want Diana to know that they will support her in her desire to fulfill this calling.

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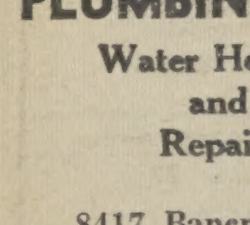
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Authorties At Walnut Creek Stake Meeting

Two promient leaders of the Church were featured speakers at the quarterly conference of the Walnut Creek Stake Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19, in Oakland.

Elder Alfred B. Smith reprsented the Church general welfare committee and Elder Everett Bingham the Genealogical Society.

General sessions of the conference were held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. They were conducted Stake President Kenneth D. Jensen, 3531 Melody Drive, Walnut Creek.

Elder Smith, a native of Great Britain, has been active in numerous Church capacities. He is manager of Utah Wholesale Grocery Co. and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club at Salt Lake City.

A native of Thatcher, Arizona. Elder Bingham is a leader in many branches of Church work. In addition to serving as a bishop, he has devoted his time to teaching, priesthood activities, genealogical, and other administrative work. By training and experience, he is a supervising accountant.

Elders Smith and Bingham addressed special meetings for welfare workers and genealogical committee members Saturday evening.

Hayward 2d Ward

New Chapel Is Near Completion

By Mel Venturi

Our new chapel is 90 per cent completed! We are hoping to be in it by March, providing the funds needed for completion are forthcoming.

Hayward Stake sponsored the performance at the Inter-Stake Center of the Southern California Mormon Choir, January 18. Proceeds go to the building fund for our chapel.

There is change in the bishopric: Brother Bill McCleary is new 2d counselor to the bishop. Brother Buckner was released so that he could pursue his studies.

There is a change also in our Relief Society presidency — the new Mother of the Ward is Sister Loretta Vargas Starkweather. Her counselors are Jerry Roberts and Betty Stewart.

Castro Valley 2d Ward

College Students Home For Christmas

By Bess Johnson

It was was wonderful to have our young people home during the Christmas holiday season — Alyce Ostler, Karen Hancock, Cathy Stephens, Maryjo Reed, Michael Bailey, Robert Aguirre and Louis Boyle III from B.Y.U. and Dale Johnson from the University of Redlands. Dale received his Duty to God Award Sunday, December 22, at Sacrament meeting.

Kenneth Franckum was advanced to the office of deacon, James Willits to teacher, Gordon Johnson and Robert Judd to priest and Robert Aguirre to Elder.

Elder Robert Agurirre has been called to the North British Mission and will have his farewell and testimonial Sunday, February 9, at 4 p.m. His parents, Barbara and Ron Aguirre are known and loved by many in both Hayward and San Leandro Stakes. Sister Barbara Aguirre was recently sustained as work director in the Relief Society and LaDean Christensen as a counselor in the Relief Society.

Heading our Young Men's Mutual are Bruce Willis as superintendent with Ken Willits as age group counselor and Evan Wonkler as activity counselor. Donna McKnight was sustained recently as genealogy committee secretary, when Sister Aura Kirk was released after serving for several years.

We welcome into our ward Marian J. Crawford, Myrtle J. Cardwell, Ferdinand T. and Bonnie L. Dahlke, Steve Bates and Marjorie L. Regen.

We say farewell to the Mark Van Wagoner family who moved to San Jose in December. Mark was superintendent of the YMMIA and Natalie, his wife, a counselor in the Relief Society. Our sincere thanks go with them.

New babies blessed recently were Brian E. and Steven G. Stewart and Harold T. Ludke. Richard C. and Eugene R. Browning were baptized and confirmed members of the Chruch and ustained as ward members.

Our boys in the YMMIA won the stake basketball championship and are competing in interstake playoffs. They have proved outstanding in sportsmanship as well as ability.

Upon his release as a stake missionary, Elder Charles Martin was sustained as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 738 with Ray Eelsing as assistant. George Blazin, former Scoutmaster, was sustained as Explorer Advisor for Post No. 738. We thank these brethren for the work they do with our boys.

Our Ward is saddened at the news of the passing of Elder John Reed, whose funeral was conducted January 14, in the Castro Valley Ward Chapel. Our sympathy and love are extended to Minnie and the children.

San Leandro Ward

Clark Jackson Is En Route To Peru

By Elizabeth W. Frye

Clark Jackson telephoned home from Utah to say that he had finished his language training course and was leaving for Lima, Peru. where he will fulfill a mission for the Church.

Students home from B.Y.U. for the holidays were Susan Lauper, daughter of former Bishop Lauper, Sue Smedley, and Fred Spindler.

Linda Flaner will go back to B.Y.U. for the spring semester.

The new San Leandro Ward chapel is nearing completion and will be ready for use some time in March.

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The Church And The Community

Article II — The Family

by Mary D. Westover

For decades all social workers have stressed the importance of maintaining strong family groups if a sound community or national life is to be achieved, and from its founding this has been one of the ideals of the Church.

From birth children are taught that a family is something more than a group of individuals living under one roof. It has a function and meaning of its own. All the love, all the comfort, all the fun, all the good things they know come from this very family relationship, and if they want more, they had better pitch in and help get whatever it is and not expect it to be handed to them. Even the youngest children in the ideal L.D.S. home participate in the fun and the planning of Family Night, and look forward to it, —and resolve to give their own children the same sort of home-life.

It is easy for a child raised in this kind of secure love to want his own home to be permanent and not to seek a transient marriage based only on romance and charm, but a lasting and eternal union founded on similarity of goals and personal responsibilities.

Since our marriages are planned for eternity, family ties are of great significance. Father is unquestionably the head of the house, and his guidance must be wise and his provision ample for the family good;—but mother is the one who is there to bind up cut fingers, solve problems, or plan the college or missionary absences which come later. Both must see to it that each child has his own niche and fills it daequately.

With this sort of family ideal it is not accidental that our Church is noted for its work in genealogy. Eternity goes backward as well as forward. We are proud of our ancestors, whatever their positions may have been, just as we want to leave a worthy heritage to our children. We feel a real responsibility to both.

With this type of family background there is less need of federal or civic paternalism. We prefer to take care of our own,—and we do. When a Church member calls you brother or sister, it is not an empty, out-moded phrase, it carries a promise of service and interest that can be most comforting when the going gets rough.

Is it accidental that in those countries where family ties are greatest the crime rate among juveniles is lowest? Don't you think that this sort of a family tie is the foundation upon which the dieal community can be built?

Cultural Arts Events For MIA

Fifth event in the Cultural Arts series sponsored by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake M. I .A. will be held Friday, February 14, in the Inter-Stake Center. "Sweethearts on Parade" will be the theme of this Sweetheart Ball which is a semi-formal event. An exceptional orchestra, refreshments, floor show and entertainment will help to make this event outstanding. Tickets are available at the door or admission maybe gained by the series tickets.

Search is under way for the 1964 selection of the California Mother of the Year. Any group or organization is eligible to nominate a mother who might be worthy of the honor. Eligibility rules and applications may be obtained by writing to the State Chairman, Mrs. L. Dean Petty, 19950 Redwing Road, Woodland Hills, California or by calling Rhea M. Gustaveson, KE. 3-2701 who is also a member of the State Selective Committee.

A dinner was held at the Clareont Hotel Tuesday evening, Jan. 12 at which Mrs. Eugene Hilton, last year second place winner in the conest for the selection of the California Mother of the Year, was honored guests The dinner was given by the State Chairman, Mrs. L. Dean Petty, who spent a few days helping to organize northern California, and included other members of the committee located in the Bay Area.

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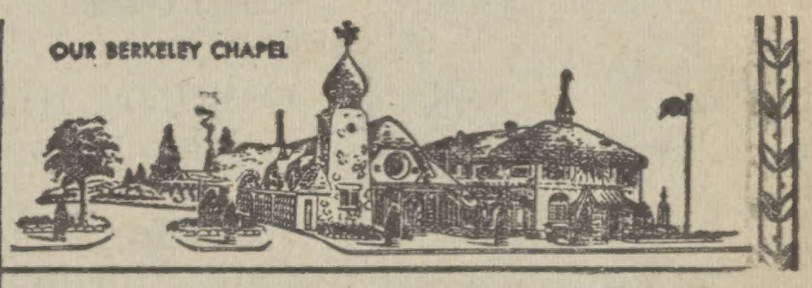
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Richmond Ward

Dedication Of Chapel Planned

By Mima Williams

Final plans are underway for the dedication of the new Richmond Ward chapel at 330 Carlston Street, Richmond, California, in the near future. Postponement of the February 2 date was suggested by the church building committee and a tentative March date set.

Ground - breaking ceremonies for the new ward chapel were held July 25, 1959, with Richmond Mayor Leo T. Viano and El Cerrito Mayor Leo Armstrong in attendance. Former Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare presided at the first services in the new chapel February 12, 1961.

At a recent Sacrament meeting individual awards were presented to 16 Richmond Ward girls. Those received awards were:

2nd year: Peggy Uber, Diana Black, LeAnne Tidwell, Melba Golightly, and Charlyne Cecil.

3rd year. Catherin Uber, Donna Barker, Raniece Wightman, and Lynn Davis.

4th year: Dorothy Morley

5th year: Janice Esperson, Lynda Uber and Cheryl Wightman.

6th year: Cheryl Ballard, Elaine Brown, and Michele Cecil.

Jim Russell Hicks was sustained in a recent Sacrament meeting as the new Sunday School superintendent. He was born in Whitewight, Texas, and married Mary Jane Humphrey of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have three children, James Wayne, Elois, and Sandra Lynn.

Counselors are Charles R. Bateman and Phillip L. Wagner.

Dr. Eyring Named A.A.A.S. Prexy

Dr. Henry Eyring, dean of the University of Utah Graduate School, and a brother of Joseph Eyring of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, is president-elect of the 90,000 member American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was named during the group's annual convention at Cleveland, in January.

The association includes more than 300 scientific societies. Dr. Eyring is stated to become president in January, 1965.

This is the latest of several significant national honors won by the Utah scientist "who at 62 still challenges his students to foot races," reports the Desert News.

Dr. Eyring recently stepped down as president of the 95,000 member American Chemical Society. He is currently serving on the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation, an appointent made by the late president John F. Kennedy.

His list of medals and awards "qualifies him as a top candidate for the title of Utah's most decorated scientist," reports the News.

Pleasant Hill 2d Ward

Pleasant Hill Wards Meeting In New Chapel

By La Verle M. Nielsen

Without doubt the greatest gift received by members of the two Pleasant Hill wards last year was the first regular meeting held in the new chapel on Boyd Road December 22. Though the building is not yet completely finished, a regular, full schedule of meetings for the two wards is now being held there.

Two of our young people received honors recently. Ronald Eames, son of Henry and Velma Eames, received his Eagle Scout award at the Walnut Creek Stake Court of Honor in January. Receiving the Girls Program Medallion was Elaine Davis, daughter of Bob and Audrey Davis. This special award is given to girls who have received seven or more individual awards. Elaine has earned eight, many of them 100 per cent awards, one by attending six different wards as her family moved cross-country.

All the girls of Mutual age are planning a snow trip to the Tahoe area the 21st and 22nd of February.

Plans are also underway for the MIA Valentine Party to be held Tuesday, February 11th.

Bonnie Zehrung, new MIA music director, is hard at work on the Music Fest, scheduled for March. This music program includes participation from any members of the ward who wish.

Two new counselors were named recently to assist Jennie White, MIA president. Jane Sanders will serve as activity counselor and Bette Evans as age-group counselor.

Lahoma Girls from the Primary will have a special date on Valentine's Day with their fathers for the annual Daddy-daughter party. It is sure to be a delightful evening, complete with dinner, games and fun.

New Primary Teachers

New teachers added to the Primary corps include Joan Hummel. Joan Leonesio, Laura Stock, Al ice Bagley and Nancy Duncan.

Many of our young people who are away at school or working in others were among the familiar ones seen during the holidays. From BYU came Mac Thorpe, John Ball, Bart Eames and Kathleen Perona. Also at home for the holidays were Julia and Clarissa Eames and Cheryl White.

Heavenly bundles receiving blessings recently were Gary Reed Ludlow, son of Al and Gwen Ludlow; Robert J. Johnson, son of George and Leone Johnson; Debra De Anne Filler, daughter of Gary and Karen Filler; Melinda Webb, daughter of Don and Maurine Webb.

Baptized and confirmed members of the church were Kellen Fluckiger, Ronald Rex Bennion, Lori Ann Jackson. Tara Kelaine Beck, and Jeannette Hulse Reynolds.

Scouts, Explorers, and Cub Scouts and their families will enjoy a family dinner to be held February 7 in commemoration of Scout week. Chad White was recently appointed Cubmaster with Theral Nielsen as assistant.

Seventies Hold Combined Social

By Marilla Bodily

The Seventies Quorums of the Concord, Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro and Walnut Creek Stakes met for their annual social Friday, January 10. The 247th Quorum started the custom six years ago and this year the host quorum was the 273rd also from Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

Festivities began with the serving of punch and hors d' ouvres at 7:30 by the Herbert Laytons and the Joseph Giovaninis. Sharon and Thelma also decorated with the theme of winter wonderland carried out with frosted branches of pine, a real sleigh and lacy white candles on the thirty round tables surrounding the dance floor.

Vic Peterson was in charge of the delicious Swiss Steak Dinner which was catered by the Lafayette-Orinda Ward. Rex Gardiner was the general chairman and Leo Gill handled the program and was the master of ceremonies. The program was outstanding begining with the fine harmony of the Gil-Stamm Trio from San Leandro Stake who sing primarily folk music, accompanying themselves with guitar, bass and banjo. They included some fine comedy numbers in their repertoir.

Magician

Second was Richard Embleton, magician, from Oakland-Berkeley Stake who intrigued the audience with his guillotine and his rabbit production. The final number was Roy and Helen Clovis of Oakland-Berkeley Stake. Roy had his ventriloquist friend with him who talked and sang, giping imitations of the old great vaudeville performers. Roy sang one of Helen's early compositions, "There'll Be a Blackout in My Heart". Helen led community singing accompanied by the audience who had bells and water glasses and by Lowell Flamm, who brought his violin. Then Helen gave her rendition of Home Sweet Home as the great composers would have written it.

The hour that was left was devoted to dancing. Van Orton provided the tape recording service with fine dance music by the "big" name bands.

Publicity was handled by Don Pack, who really "packed" them in with nearly 300 attending. Vlay Taufer was the clean-up committee, so necessary that a relaxed eveing might be enjoyed by all.

Golightly-Pitcock

A Christmas Eve party at the Antioch home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Davis revealed the engagement of their granddaughter Barbara Lorene Golightly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Golightly, to Aubrey D. Pitcock, son of Mr. and Mr. Melvin Pitcock.

Plans are being made for a late sumer wedding which will be solemnized in the Oakland Temple.

Barbara received an AA degree from Costra Costa College and is Francisco State College. Her afcontinuing her education at San filiations have included California Scholarship Federation and National Thespian Society.

The prospective benedict is a graduate of Porterville High School, attended Fresno City College and will graduate from Contra Costa College in June. He has been advisor in the Junior Achievement program and has completed eight years of active and reserve duty with the United States Army.

Both are employed in San Francisco.

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Alameda Ward

Winkels Return To Holland

By Lue Seavers
and Violet Pinckney

Patriarch Thys and Reba Winkel emplaned from San Francisco Jan. 5 for Holland to complete their work mission. Having been here since before Thanksgiving, they visited with their son Val and Carolyn in Orinda, their parents in Provo and Richfield, Utah, friends in Salt Lake City, friends and relatives in the different stakes here, and their many friends in Alameda. To highlight their visit here their son Tom came to visit them and his many friends in the ward. Tom is stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, with the American Red Cross. He will be leaving soon for Anchorage, Alaska, where he expects to be for about two years.

Word was received from our other work missionaries in Scotland that they were eijoying a few days off, spending New Year's Eve in Florence, Italy, also visiting Rome, Naples, Pompei, Isle of Capri, Milan and Bern, Switzerland, for a Temple session before returning to "Bonnie Scotland".

We are glad to welcome back into the ward after three years duty with the Coast Guard, Charles (Chuck) and Ione Stamps, their daughter Lori and their new baby girl Lannette. They returned from a trip to the Los Angeles Temple where they had her sealed to them. They were accompanied by the senior Charles Stamps from Oakdale.

Recently visiting Virginia Dean and her family were her mother and aunt from Nevada.

Shirley Eastman flew in from Chicago to spend the Holidays with her mother.

We welcome back into the ward also with their new baby girl Lori, Loy and Toy Forshee and their other children Tammy and Larry.

The Rex Shaws have two things to be happy about recently, their first grandchild Lisa Ann born Nov. 21 to Sharon Shaw and Michael Kiado. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Kaido of the Isle City. Elder David Shaw returned from his Florida Mission in time for Christmas.

Kayela and Jack Smith formerly of Alameda now have a son born Thanksgiving Day. His name is Michael Douglas. Bishop Bangerter and his wife Hazel are great grandparents. Hazel is still at home convalescing from her heart-attack.

Brother and Sister Harold Price welcomed into their home a new son, Kieth Allen, born at the Kaiser Hospital Dec. 8.

Hal and Sharon Messervy and children have been transferred to Moffet Field. They will be living in Santa Clara but will attend Sunnyvale 1st Ward. This brings back fond memories to Bishop George and Violet Pinckney as they lived there when all there was was a Sunday School.

A lovely shower was enjoyed by many recently in honor of Janice Schow, now Mrs. R. S. Iaello. Janice is the daughter of Wm. and Lorraine Schow. Ronald her husband is in the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Iaello, Florida.

We remind the members to remember with prayers and cards all of these people who are in hospitals or at home convalescing:Emmy Stam is at home in Newark, Sister Lillian Grassley is at Oak Knoll Hospital, Walter De Celle at Kaiser Hospital, La Vina McRae at Alameda Hospital. Those a thome include Hazel Bangerter, Lorraine Schow, Albertina Nimetz, Ona Patterson, Vivien Whitmore, and Gladys Clayson who gets out now and then to make "the Trio" perfect again her two sisters Lue Seavers and Almeda Hughes. Musn't forget Boots Buck who had a hear operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Parrish, Jr. announce the marriage of their daughter Sharon Elizabeth to Kendall Tolman Clayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clayson, Alameda. The marriage will take place in the San Lorenzo Ward Chapel February 8, at 7:30 p.m. The couple plans to be sealed in the Los Angeles Temple shortly afterward. They plan to live in the Oakland area after a hooneymoon in southern California.

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San Leandro Ward

Home Teaching Program Started

By Ruby Ostler

Home Teaching is under way in San Leandro 2d Ward, and all officers and teachers of the different organizations have been indoctrined at the ward correlation meetings.

Object of the program its to keep in closer contact with members of the ward, encourage better attendance at meetings, and to get more young people out to Seminary in the mornings.

We hope that with the priesthood calling on every member of the ward each month and helping them to solve their problems, inactive members will be brought into activity and everyone will benifit from their efforts and adhere to their teachings on family prayer, attendance at Sacrament meeting, payment of tithing and fast offering ,and other principles of the Gospel.

This is a wonderful program and we hope that it will be received by the saints in the manner in which it is given.

Work on the new chapel is progressing rapidly and we hope to be in it by March. The plastering is done, windows in, and finishing of casings is next in line.

Oakland 2d Ward

Robins Family Sealed At Mesa

Dr. and Mrs. Merien L. Robins and family visited with relatives at Tempe, Arizona during the Christmas holidays. While there they had Serna La Ree, their adopted daugter, sealed to them in the Mesa Temple. Present to witness the sealing were Merien's mother and brother, Mrs. Florence Robins and Dr. Roland K. Robins.

The Oakland Second Ward's Young Married group held a Christmas dinner and party December 7. Many thanks go to Sister Nina Cooper, Sister Elinor Bailey and Brother and Sister Jess Bromley for helping to make the evening a success. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mormonaires Plan Social Program

By Lucy Jacobs

Members of the Mormonaire's Club met at the Kuo Wah Restaurant in San Francisco Chinatown for dinner Saturday, January 18. Chinese and Korean entertainment was supplied by members of the Chinese Branch M. I. A. The food was excellent, the entertainment fine.

Regular Saturday nifht dances for all eligible club members are being held at Oakland 4th Ward cultural hall.

Additional activities for the club are being sponsored by the two San Jose Stakes. A Fireside is held the third Sunday of each month at the San Jose Stake Center, 1336 Cherry St. A dance is held the first Saturday of each month at a Ward Social Hall, 10th and San Fernando, San Jose.

These activities do not conflict with regular activities of the club. Thanks are due Tommy Thomason, stake representative from San Jose for the extras.
An invitation is extended to the Single Latter-Day Saints between the ages of 25 and 50 for women and 25 and 55 for men.

San Leandro Ward

Jacksons Home From Algeria

Dr. Bill Jackson, wife Audrey, and children returned early in January from Algeria where Dr. Jackson had been sent on a special assignment. He and his family have returned to their home in southern California. They were accompanied by his parents A. Gifford and Verna Jackson who will spend a few days with them.

A new Sunday School superintendency was apart in December with Lawrence Allphin as superintendent, Raymond Christensen as 1st assistant and John M. Benson as 2d assistant. Also set apart were Karen Longden, Priary president and Virginia Wood as 1st counselor.Elton Flaner was released as 1st assistant in the Sunday School on being called as 2nd assistant of the stake Sunday School.

Lloyd Martin Hammond Jr. was ordained a deacon by Alden F. Lamph December 22.

Robert Pendley and Michael Frye were ordained priests January 6.

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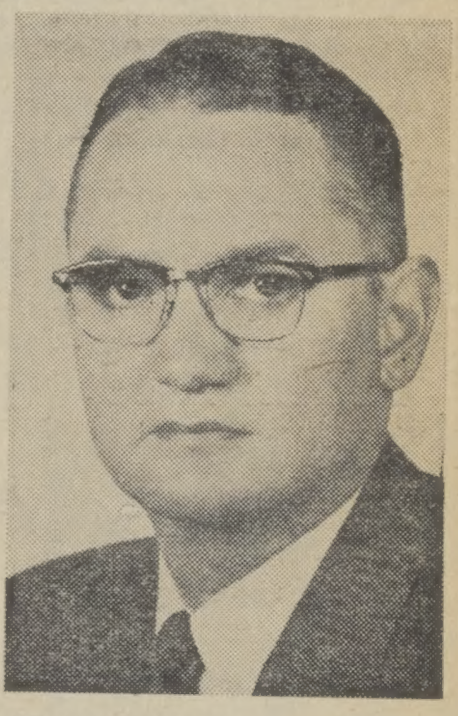

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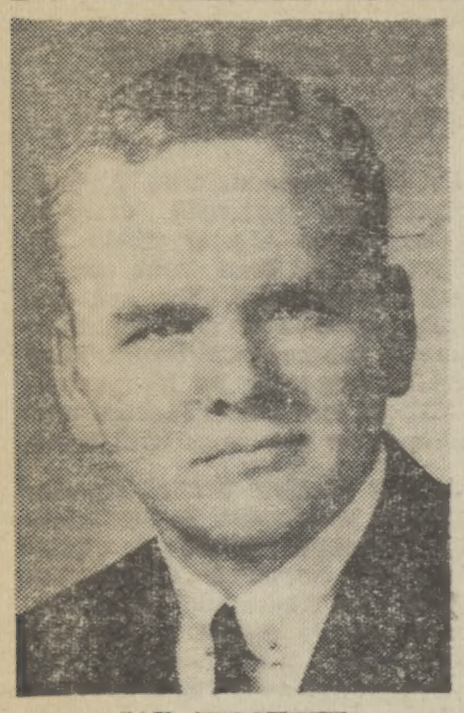


JAY CROCKETT

Hayward Ward

Jay Crockett To Canadian Mission

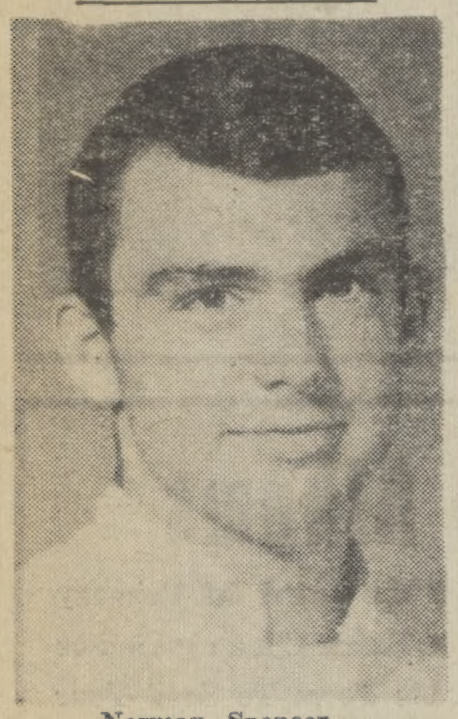
By Marjorie Simard

Elder John (Jay) Alan Crockett, called to serve in the Canadian Mission, was honored with a farewell testimonial in Hayward Ward January 26. Bishop W. Shannon Murphy conducted the meeting. Dr. C. Reed Smith offered the invocation. The scriptural reading was given by Larry LaPray, also called to the Canadian Mission.

Two piano solos by Robert Tan provided special music. Remarks were made by President Francis Winkle of Hayward Stake, by Harry Hollingshaus of the stake mission, by Dr. H. Cless Crockett, father of the young elder, and by his mother Vera, stake Relief Society president. The benediction was offered by Cardon Crockett.

Elder Crockett has been attending the University of Utah, where he is a pre-medical student. He follows his father, his brother Richard and his brother David into the mission field. At the conclusion of his week of training in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City he reports to Toronto, Canada February 10.

A venison dinner, sponsored by the Quorum of Elders, was served of Hayward Ward January 25. The deer was donated by Alvin Taylor who killed it in Colorado. Jim Turner, president of the quorum was in charge.



Norman Spencer—
Double Award Winner

Norman Spencer Doubly Honored

Scouting's highest award, the Eagle, and the Duty to God award, the Church's highest for young men in Scouting, were awarded December 27 to Norman Lloyd Spencer of Explorer Post No. 311 of Walnut Creek Ward.

Norman is the second son of Alma Glenn and Anna Lea (Lloyd) Spencer to receive this double recognition. He is Pep Club president at Del Valle High School, Walnut Creek, and a senior. He has been active in wrestling, landscape gardening, swimming, and is ward organist for MIA and Priesthood meetings. He helped represent his Explorer post at BYU last summer at the National LDS Explorer conference.

He plans to join his elder brother Glenn at BYU next fall and to enter pre-dental studies.

Paul Carpenter Tells of Mission

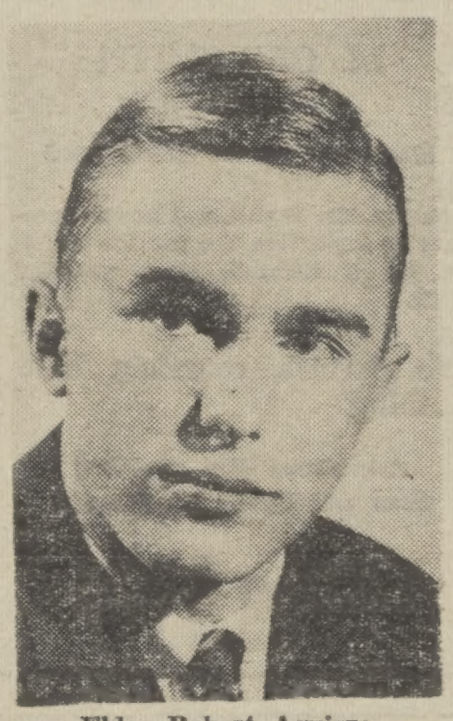
By Paul Snow Carpenter

The last 2½ years which I spent in the West German Mission have been the greatest of my life. There is no other calling under which one can serve and grow so much as in that of a missionary. I am deeply appreciative to the Lord, to my family, and to the Church for this opportunity that has been mine.

The Lord certainly doesn't forget to bless those in his service. Everyday of a mission is filled with unforgettable experiences all of which when seen in their proper persective are oportunities and blessings. Missionary exeriences are of a nature that can be found nowhere else. The thrill that comes when a new convert accepts the principles of the Gospel and enters the waters of baptism is undescribable. The strengthening of my testimony which came as a result of my mission is also one of the most important events in my life. My mission gives me the desire to live so that I retain this testimony throughout my life.

I have many fond memories of the German people and I think very highly of them. I especially admire them for their industriousness and for their thirst for knowledge. Their appreciation of the arts has also made a great impression on me.

I am very thankful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for my conviction of its truthfulness. I am thankful for the inspired leaders in the Church today, many of whom I had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with during my mission. It is my prayer that the Gospel will continue to spread rapidly over the entire earth bringing the same happiness that we enjoy to millions.



Elder Robert Aguirre

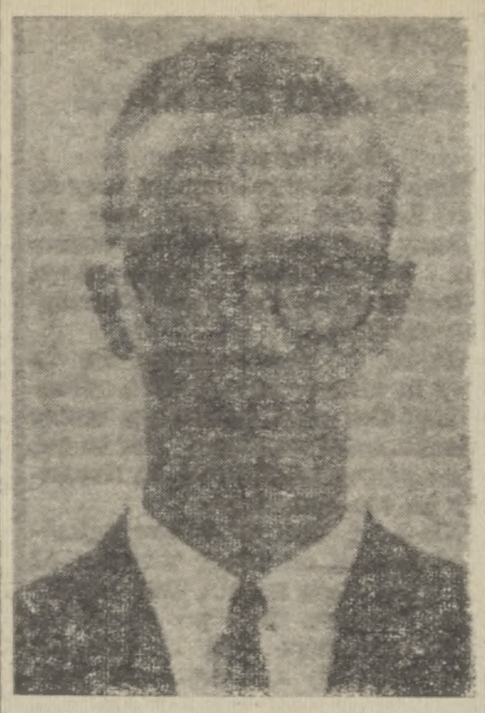
Aguirre Gets Mission Call

By Bess Johnson

Elder Robert Aguirre has been called to serve as a missionary to the Northeast British Mission, with headquarters in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

Bob has been attending Brigham Young University for the past year and a half as a pre-forestry major. He is the son of Barbara and Ron Aguirre of the Castro Valley Second Ward.

A farewell and testimonial will be held in his honor in the Castro Valley Chapel at 3900 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley, at 4:00 p.m. February 9, prior to his departure for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City. There will be a reception following the testimonial. All friends are invited to attend.



ALLEN BUSKIRK

Allen Buskirk Now In France

By Lue Seavers
and Violet Pinckney

Elder Allen Daniel Buskirk was honored November 24 in the Alameda Ward Chapel, prior to leaving for Geneva, Switzerland, headquarters of the French mission.

Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Brown. He has been attending University of California for two years on a Hertz engineering scholarship. Elder Buskirk is to labor in Nice, France, where he reports enthusiastically of the progress in that area.

During Christmas season he had the pleasure of caroling at the Children's Hospital in Nice and also going abroad the aircraft carrier Independence with six other Mormons. It has a complement of 4500 crew members. He enjoyed Christmas dinner with the Thebaults who are in charge of the first chapel under construction there.

Elder Buskirk reports that asking the "Golden Question" really pays off. He says "I want you to start doing so at once. That program is so well inspired, please tell all that I testify to them it is great!"

Lynn G. Hodge

To British Mission

Lynn G. Hodge, son of Iral and Verla Hodge, has been called to labor in the North British Mission. Lynn is a member of the Danville Ward where his farewell will be held at 6 p.m. February 16. He enters the Mission Home at Salt Lake March 2.

He has been active in Church affairs, isa Seminary graduate, and has received his Duty to God award. He was graduated from San Ramon Valley High School, Danville, where he was president of Boys' League and a member of the track and wrestling teams, For the last 2½ years he has attended Brigham Young University where he has been a member of the student council, secretary and treasurer of A.M.S., and a senator.

His sister Karen is a freshman at BYU. A brother DuWayne lives in southern California.

Hayward Ward

2 Missionaries Return, 1 Leaves

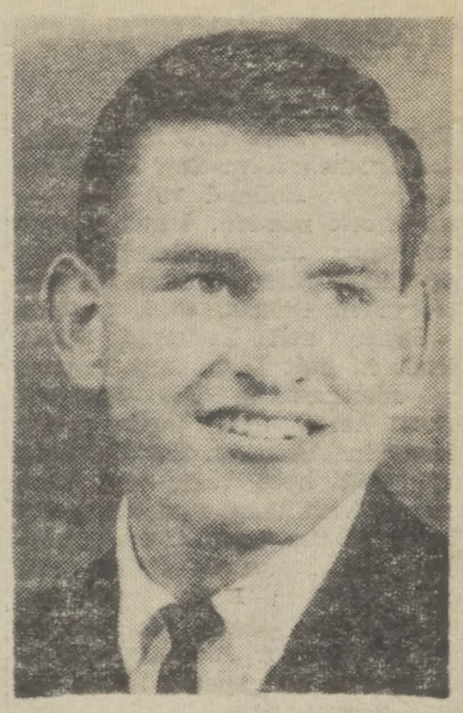
By Marjarie Simard

Three life-long neighbors are in the iews from Hayward Ward. Elder Sheldon McClellan returned home from 2½ years in the Andes Mission in Peru. Elder McClellan is the son of former Bishop D. Ross and Margaret McClellan, who spent almost the same period directing the building mission in South America, with headquarters in Montevideo, Urguay. Elder McClellan made his homecoming report to the ward on December 29, after a family reunion at Christmas with all the family members together for the first time in many years. Still in school are Norman and Sharlene who came home from BYU. Sister Delna, her husband, Glen Becroft and their new little daughter came from El Paso Texas, while sister Norene, her husband Tom Green, and their three small children came from Fremont. Sheldon's grandparents, also present, are Patriarch and Sister Stewart. Sheldon plans to attend the University of California and continue his studies in architecture.

Sheldon brought greetings from two members of the stake now serving in Peru. President Sterling Nicolayson and Figer Roy "Butch" Dahle.

Elder Bernard Lynn Stewart returned home January 22 after serving 2½ years in the Swiss Mission. Before he returned to the United States he toured Europe by train with Elder Lee, nephew of Larry Lee who formerly lived in Castro Valley ward. Elder Stewart was the principal speaker at a homecoming progra held in his honor in Hayward Ward January 26. His mother and father, Madge and Bernard Stewart also spoke on the program and were hosts at an open house later. Their second son Dennis is also in the mission field in Japan. Young David plans a mission as soon as he is old enough. Elder Stewart plans to return to San Jose State College and resume his pre-med studies. Bernie's parents received a letter from the president of the mission which raised Bernie's character and his woprk.

Elder Larry Maughan LaPray, following the example of his brother Hal entered the mission home in Salt Lake February 3 for training before going to Toronto to serve in the Canadian Mission. He was honored at a missionary farewell in Hayward Ward February 2. Among those who spoke on the program were the young Elder, his parents, Clyde and Bertha LaPray, his brother Hal, recently released from the Texas mission, his sister Barbara joined with Brenda Rosencranz to sing two duets for the special music. A reception followed at the home of the Bernard Stewarts.



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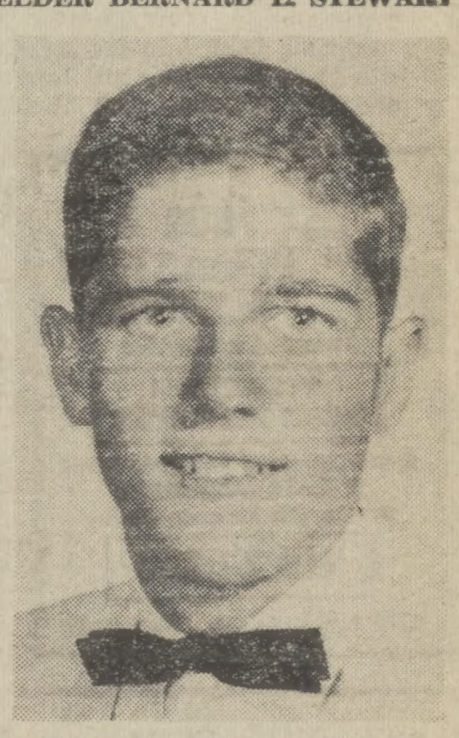


ELDER LARRY LA PRAY

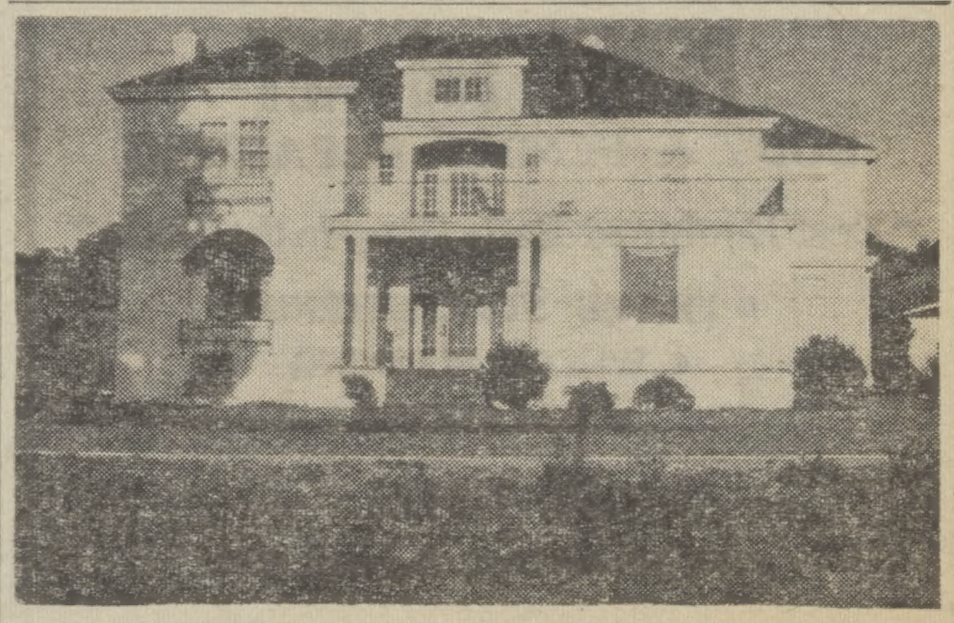
Berkeleyans Win

Blaine Larson-Crowther, son of Dr. Hearl and Margaret Crowther, former members of Berkeley 1st Ward, and his wife Rayna formerly of Phoenix, are reported becoming known in art and educational circles at Washington, D.C.

Rayna has her B A in home economics, her MA in child development, and PhD. in elementary education. Blaine majored in art and secondary education.

Both spent a Peace Corps term in the Philippine Islands and returned to the United States a year ago, depleted in health and disillusioned.

Both have regained health and spirits and are winning attention in their respective fields. Blaine Larson-Crowther had two pieces, a drawing and a painting, accepted for the 16th area exhibition of the Cororan Gallery of Art, Washington, recently.



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May-Shumate Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Chandler Shumate

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Chandler Shumate were united in marriage in the fall in Logan Temple. The bride was formerly Virginia Louise May of Mesa, daughter of the Marvin Mays. Chandler is the oldest son of Berlin and Joy Shumate of Hayward Ward. After their marriage they were honored by a reception in Hayward Ward and by other parties.

They met in Arizona where Brother Chandler was serving a mission for the Church. Later their courtship flowered at Brigham Young University where both were students. Since their marriage they have returned to Provo to school. Virginia is in her junior year, "Chan" in his senior year and an officer in the Air Force R. O. T. C. and intends to make the Air Force his career.

San Lorenzo Ward

Priesthood Advancements

By Jane Dunn

Congratulations!!! — to Joseph Steed and Thomas Lucas, who on their 12th birthdays were found worthy to be ordained deacons in the Aaronic Priesthood; to Toby Gaipa and Edward Burchard, who were advanced to teachers; and to Daniel Burbank, who was ordained a priest.

Newest member of our Ward is Kenneth Romick Jr., born December 20. He is the fifth child and third son in the Romick Family. On January 6th, Julie Ann Chugg and Julie Sue Dopkus were given blessings.

Leland Earl has been released from his East Atlantic States Mission. We are happy to have Lee back in our midst and enjoyed his interesting report at our Sunday evening service January 12.

Barbara Jean Saari will be leaving our ward soon when she becomes the bride of Burton G. Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hartley of Stirling, Alberta, Canada. They plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple February 24. Their reception will be held at our reception will be held at our ward Saturday, February 29. Barbara met Burton when both were attending Brigham Young University He has completed a mission in New Mexico. They plan to make their home in Stirling, Canada.

Maurine Siufanua, daughter of Armorel Wells, is visiting her mother with her husband Harry and their children Lineni, Tina, Harold, and twins Lani and Kimo. They havve been transferred from Hawaii to Fort Lewis, Washington, and stopped here enroute for a joyous family reunion with the many members of the Wells family living in the Bay Area.

GEORGE AND ANN THOMPSEN SHEARER were married in the Oakland 4th ward chapel December 19 by Bishop Leland H. Wright. On December 20, they attended a Los Angeles Temple Session where their marriage was sealed by President Jackson. They are making their home in Oakland. Ann is daughter of Virgilia Dysart, Relief Society president of Oakland 4th Ward, and Ronald Dysart. Both are workers in the Ward Sunday School. A reception was held in the ward cultural hall after the wedding ceremony.

Thompsen-Shearer

Oakland 4th Ward was the setting for the Christmas wedding and reception of Virgilia Ann Thompsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Dysart, and George Raymond Shearer, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Shearer, December 19. Bishop Leland H. Wright performed the ceremony. They were sealed two days later in the Los Angeles Temple.

Gayle Amundsen of Salt Lake City was maid of honor. Linda Beckman and Henrietta Body were bridemaids and Ruth Ann Ellenburg, a neice of the bride served as junior bridesmaid.

Henry Whiffen was best man. Ushers included James Shearer, Conrad Hrapoff, Timothy Thompsen, Robert Thompsen, George Baird and William Dent.

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Eccles-Boetes

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boetes of San Leandro Ward were married recently in the Los Angeles Temple by President Bowering. A reception followed in the Castro Valley Ward chapel. Her attendants included Sally Eccles as maid of honor, Joan Dileo and Mrs. Sharon Martinelli as bridesmaids. Katherine Eccles, youngest sister of the bride, was flower girl. Victor McBride acted as best man for the groom. Ushers were Russell Boetes and Ward Eccles.

The young couple both graduated from local high schools and Gary attended San Jose State College before fulfilling a mission in South Africa. On his return, he attended the spring semester at B.Y.U. and is now attending California State. Evelyn attended Oakland City College and B.Y.U. They honeymooned in Lake County, California.

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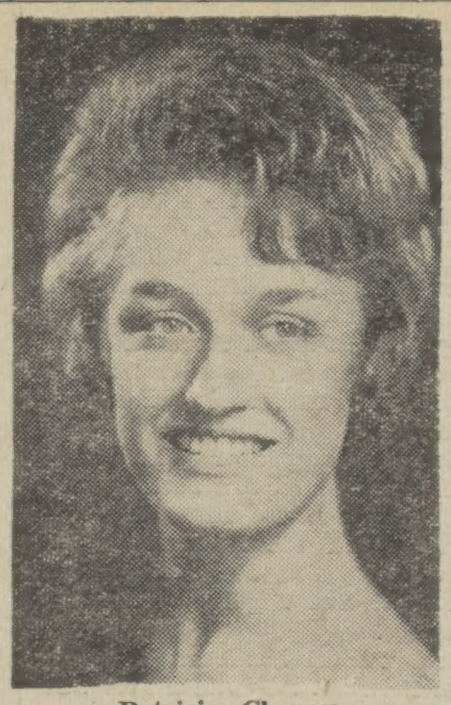

Patricia Cheney

Pat Cheney To Wed D. Welch

Mr. and Mrs. Vao Cheney of San Leandro 2d Ward have announced the engagement of their daughter Patricia to Dennis Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch also of San Leandro. The engagement was announced at a family gathering during the holidays in December. The young couple are graduates of San Leandro High School and now attend B.Y.U. Pat is in the School of Nursing and Dennis is in business administration. Wedding plans are being made for later in the year in the new Oakland Temple.

Haws-Smith

Pamela Ann Haws became the bride of Daryl Vernon Smith in ceremonies held recently in the Richmond chapel. The double ring nuptials were performed by Bishop Earl L. Amtoft.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Haws of Richmond Ward, and is a graduate of Harry Ells High School.

Mr. Smith is the son of Vernon Smith of Richmond and Mrs. John Brockett of Redding. He is a graduate from Richmond Union High School and is a veteran of three years' service with the United States Army.

Matron of honor for her sister was Mrs. Phillip M. Fisher, who was hostess at a family party honoring the bride. Best man duties were performed by James Begley and Martin Johnson ushered.

Guests at the party given by Mrs. Fisher were: Mrs. W. L. Haws; Mrs. Melvin Pimental, Daryl's sister; Mrs. Patricia Bezas, another sister of the bride; Mrs. Arthur Simmons, Jackie Helberg, Shirley Cagle, and Nancy and Melinda Simmons.

The couple plan to make their home near Santa Rosa California.

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Stella Smith Phillips

Funeral services were held December 24 in the San Leandro 2d Ward for Sister Stella Smith Phillips who died December 21 of pneumonia and complications incident to age.

She was born 81 years ago in Morgan, Utah. Her father, Captain Lot Smith, was one of Brigham Young's scouts. He joined the Young party in Iowa and continued on to the Valley with them. Stella endured the hardships of pioneer life while her family helped to settle northern Utah. At an early age they moved to Farmington where she grew up and married Thomas Phillips 63 years ago. In 1932 they moved to the Bay Area where Brother Phillips worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Stella was loved by all who knew her—ever willing to be of service where she was needed. She was young in thought and mind, cheerful and happy always; a really true Latter-Day-Saint. She held many offices in Church organizations throughout her long life. At time of her passing, she was a Relief Society teacher and active in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

rhteoBrCMF TolefsMFWY Brother Phillips was confined to the hospital at the time of her death and was not aware of it until after the funeral. Besides him, there are six surviving children; Alta Woodfield, Nona West, Geraldine Massington and Wendel Phillips, all of the Bay Area; Edward of Sacramento and Leo of Boise, Idaho.There are 13 surviving grand-children and nine great grandchildren.

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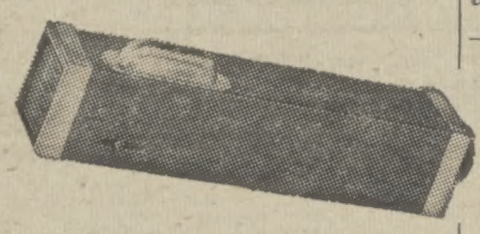

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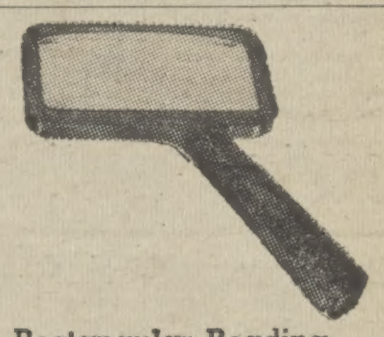

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by LaVonne Richards

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The couple honeymooned in Los Angeles and saw the Rose Parade at Pasadena. Al enjoys living in California after residing in Mass. Their residence will be in Oakland.

Welcome back Joe and Gerry Blackwell and of course Kelly. The navy must have had all of us at heart! MIA is happy to put Gerry to work as Laurel leader and Lynnette Verharren as Gleaner leader. They were able to enjoy MIA youth night on January 28. When our youth conducted services. Those presiding were: President, Miriam Wright; Superintendent, Ron Bybee; Age Group Counselor, Linda Stein; Activity Counselor, Bonnie Hawkins; Secretary, Ilene Verharren; Music Director, Kathy Soderborg; Pianist, Janet Tait; Laurel Teacher, Sue Cameron; MiaMaid Teacher, Emma Hattley; 1st Year Beehive, Janae Wright; 2nd Year, Sarah Allman.

Our deepest sympathy to Brother and Sister Burt Enetso on the loss of their daughter Theresa January 9. Services were held at Robinson Bros. with President Ira Call officiating. Participating in the service were Brothers Ed Kingsford and Elmer Carr. Our prayers and friendship are with the Enetsos.

Sister Virginia Cooper is also in our prayers on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Florence Lewis Simpson in Brooklyn N. Y. December 13. She had suffered for several months. The death of Sister Cooper's sister Mary Lewis Hammerstron Dec. 18 added to the loss of the family. She was the victim of an auto-pedrestrian accident. Sister Hammerstron, of San Francisco has been known and loved in the area for 35 years,

Lafayette-Orinda Ward

Bishop Wells And Family In Move

By Elizabeth H. Burdett

Our dear former Bishop Wells and family have sold their home in Lafayette and are moving to the San Fernando Valley soon.

This part of the valley was covered with orange and lemon groves until recently. There are still two lemon trees in their front yard and several orange trees in the back yard.

We had a most interesting Sacrament meeting recently when the Lael Carter family were the speaker. The youth speakers were Cheri and Grant Carter. Their parents Lael and Rowena Carter were the speakers of the evening. The special music was by Brother and Sister Richard Johnson, who sang two duets. Judy Billister at the piano.

If you would spend a profitable Sunday morning, come to the Lafayette-Orinda Ward at 10:30. The Gospel Doctrine Class is studying "Jesus the Christ" by James E. Talmage. Brother Clyde Juchau is the very able teacher. Become better acquainted with the Savior.

On January 7 W. Cleon Skousen lectured at the Fairmont School in Lafayette. His subject was "Red Menace in South America".

The Young Marrieds held a fireside at the home of Tom and Marilyn Alexander January 12. Brother Tom Ferguson spoke on the kind of books we should have for our children.

The annual rummage sale was held in Oakland January 18 and was very rewarding for all the hours spent getting the merchandise in good condition.

Brother David Cannon Evans who just come to us from the Berkeley 1st Ward, has been sustained a teacher in the Sunday School.

Jr S. S. Coordinator

Sister Cherry Chamberlain, who has been our junior Sunday School co-ordinator for the last six years, asked for her release. We thank her for years of faithful and devoted service.

Ron Everett, who came home from a Mission in October, is leaving soon to resume his studies at B.Y.U. In the meantime he has been teaching the 18 to 21 year old class in Sunday School. He has been released with a vote of thanks. The best wishes of the class go with Ron. The elders quorum will have to find a new second counselor, because of his leaving.

Tom Eggertsen was home for the holidays from Fort Sam Houston. He will be through serving our country soon now. He has already registered for studies at the Diablo Valley College starting February 3.

Scoutmaster John McKinnon took his Scouts to Grass Valley where they had loads of fun. He will soon be going to Camp Herms again for a Scout training course.

Sister Barbara Davis is the new Primary teacher for the Trekker boys.

There were nine junior genealogy class members on the enlightening library excursion to the Sutro Library in San Francisco.

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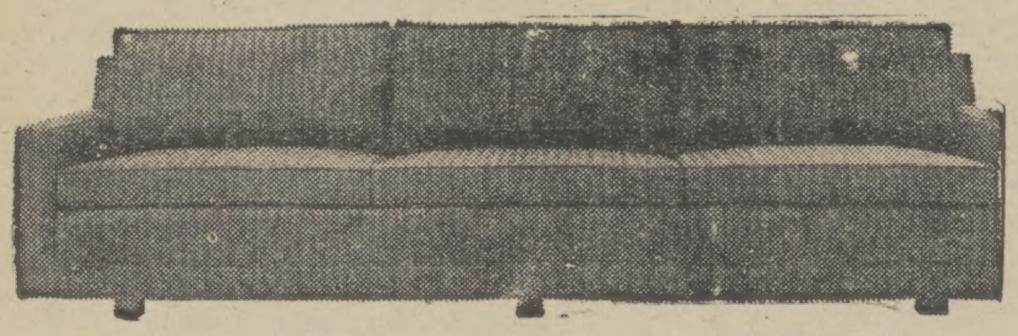

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